

SIERRA LEONE & MALAWI 2017



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# PREFACE

BY AUSHIM



**W**hat an amazing year we had! In the previous academic year 2016-2017 we organised not one, but two different projects, in two different countries and with two different groups.

An amazing group of motivated students participated in the Sierra Leone 2017 project and built a secondary school there. On the other hand, I myself, together with 5 good friends, went to Malawi to provide water to the GenCoo village where Edukado built 4 classrooms last year. Both groups had a wonderful experience: they came back with so many beautiful, funny and heart-warming stories.

What can you expect from this academic year ?

First, our 2017-2018 student project will be in Burkina Faso. A new group of students will construct a primary school together with Betsaleel vzw and the local community. Again a country we did not visit yet, again a new adventure.

## PREFACE

Second, a member of the Sierra Leone 2017 team is joining our Edukado board to inject it with new life. We will not disclose the name of that person yet, but we are all very excited !

Thanks a lot for your support, because it is thanks to you that Edukado is still alive and kicking as you will see by scrolling through this document.

As always, we will keep you posted through Facebook and newsletters and I hope to meet you at one of our various activities, for example for our yearly charity dinner that will take place during the weekend of 28/29 April 2018.

Cheers!



Aushim Koumar

December 15, 2017







# WHAT IS EDUKADO

**E**dukado organizes construction projects for students in developing countries. Every project is somehow related to education. As such, Edukado contributes to one the major sustainable development goals set by the United Nations.

During an academic year, a group of students works together as a team to complete a solidarity project from beginning to end. They start by getting in touch with our local partner, the beneficiary of the project. Based on their expectations, needs and wishes, and taking into account the local requirements and limitations, they draw up the construction plans. The students then promote the project and organize several activities creating awareness about their initiative. With fundraising events, subsidies and scholarships, they raise the budget required for the project.

Finally, in summer, the students get to enjoy what is probably the most exciting part of the project: they travel to the respective developing country to construct the building, in collaboration with the local community. In an intensive two-month cultural exchange, the students eat, work, sleep and live with the local population. Offering this unforgettable and life-changing experience to students is an essential part of Edukado's philosophy.

# A STRONG FRAMEWORK

Edukado can rely on a wide and long-standing experience with solidarity projects in the South. This places Edukado in the ideal position to select and lead projects which contribute to a sustainable improvement of living standards in developing countries.

Although Edukado lets the students work as independently as possible, Edukado sees to a timely completion of the project and a correct use of the funds. Edukado guarantees that 100% of the donations make their way to the South directly (e.g. raw materials, labor). All other costs are fully covered by fundraising activities.

Edukado also performs a thorough screening of its partners in order to guarantee the project's sustainability. Each project is carefully selected based on aspects such as the scale of the project, the need for a construction, the reliability of the partner and political stability of the country. Furthermore, in order to qualify for an Edukado partnership, the Belgian partner organization must have a sustainable and long-standing relationship with the local partner in the South. After completion of the construction, the Belgian partner bears the responsibility of supporting the project on the long term.



## SIERRA LEONE 2017

**F**or the second time in the Edukado's history, an African nation was the host of our project. Sierra Leone welcomed a dozen of students and embraced them with warmth, joy and laughter. In 6 Miles, a village in the surroundings of Waterloo, Edukado assisted a local organization, Eye for Salone, with the construction of a secondary school.

The (recent) history of Sierra Leone has been one of despair and grief. The people of Sierra Leone fell victim to a civil war between 1991 and 2002. The violence disrupted the country severely and investments in socio-economic projects were minimal. One non-profit organisation that wanted to contribute to the advancement of Sierra Leone was Eye for Salone. Since 2012 they have established a primary school in 3 Miles and supported two blind schools in Kenema and Koidu Town. In 2014 Ebola broke out, one of the deadliest viruses in history. Although many people suffered, Eye for Salone continued down its path to bring education to those who need it the most.

During the summer of 2017 Eye for Salone was ready to take the next step and expand its educational project with a secondary school.

## SIERRA LEONE 2017

Many children had graduated from the primary school in 3 Miles and were looking for further affordable but high-quality education. As the capacity of the classrooms in 3 Miles had reached their maximum capacity, a new building had to be constructed. Eye for Salone, Edukado and a local contractor worked side by side to erect a secondary school with 3 classrooms. We are all extremely proud of having achieved the challenging goals we had set.

Edukado enjoyed the rich cultural exchanges and hopes that our friends from Sierra Leone share the same feeling. We are convinced that the blind schools, primary school and secondary school will flourish and that many children may benefit from all the efforts made.



# MALAWI 2017

**M**alawi is not unknown to Edukado. Indeed, last summer, in July-August 2016, Edukado expanded the primary school in Chimuto with 4 additional classrooms. This project was a collaboration with GenCoo, an organization founded in 2008 to support the community of 11 villages in the Chimutu district of Malawi.

After the success of last year's project, Edukado decided to support another project of GenCoo. This year, during the summer of 2017, our volunteers helped provide water to the village. Before, there was no water in the GenCoo village itself. Water had to be taken from wells situated far from the village and carried to the village by foot, a very time-consuming process.

Our mission was to help in providing water directly to the local community of GenCoo. After paying a contractor to build a water well at a suitable location confirmed and approved by UNICEF, we dug a 1 km trench starting from the GenCoo village to the well. All this was done with rudimentary tools. Once the trench was dug, we laid water and electricity pipes. We also provided 3 water tanks (almost 5000 liters in total) to GenCoo and we bought a solar panel to pump the water from the water well to the GenCoo village.

# MALAWI 2017

Unfortunately, because of vandalism and jealousy from other villages, we weren't able to complete the project within a month. Nevertheless, Edukado and GenCoo vzw are currently following and supporting the project from Belgium so that in a very near future, GenCoo will have the much-needed water. After the rainy season (around March 2018), the project will be finished.

The water will be used for different purposes: as a clean source of water for the school kids, as water for the animals (chicken, pigs, etc.), for vegetable garden at GenCoo and for brick making business.

Furthermore, other villages in the area will also benefit from this project by gaining access to the water well (starting with the Kamphambe 1 village and Katsina village).



# SOME FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT EYE FOR SALONE



3 classrooms were built with a total ground area of 100m<sup>2</sup>



12 students participated



School opening is planned for September 2018



Eye for Salone vzw was our partner for this project



€ 32 253,40 was raised for both projects in 2016-2017

# SOME FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT MALAWI 2017



Water and a big solar panel will be available in GenCoo around April 2018



A group of 6 friends participated



5000 liters water can be stored in the water reservoirs built in GenCoo



Gencoo vzw was our partner for this project



€ 32 253,40 was raised for both projects in 2016-2017





A crazy cocktail of fun, hard work, a lack of sleep and cultural exchanges, where I learned sign language is a wonderful tool for humor and making unforgettable friendships. - *Evv*

Concrete, concrete! Dat woord zal nooit meer hetzelfde zijn. Daar een bevel, hier een herinnering aan een prachtige ervaring. - *Andy*

An eye opening and mind gobbling experience filled with laughter, sweat and blisters. It changes the way we look at petty Western problems. - *Chris*

« This is Africa »: These three unmeaning words were the first words we heard in Malawi, and are now filled with so much love, emotions and funny & beautiful memories - *Aushim*





What a delight and surprise to notice that people who, at first sight, have seemingly nothing, have a lot more to offer to us than we have to them. This trip truly was an eyeopener and made me conscious of a world previously unknown to me. - *Fred*

Our experience in Malawi showed us one thing. While there's still a long way to go, in time, their existing human wealth will no doubt lead to greater cultural and material wealth, enabling a more secure existence to every man, woman and child. All we can do is provide a little push in order for the many amazing individuals to develop their potential and take the lead and guide Malawi to a better future for each and everyone. That little push to make education and the possibility to continue their intellectual development available for as many children as possible - *Gil*





# FINANCIAL BALANCE

## INCOMES

<b>Activities</b>	<b>6,495.83 €</b>
Charity dinners	4,544.95 €
Other activities	1,950.88 €
<b>Sponsoring / Subsidies</b>	<b>11,232.00 €</b>
11.11.11 Koepel	1,000.00 €
Beersel	200.00 €
Bijleszoeker	400.00 €
Branding vzw	2,242.00 €
BrEA	250.00 €
City of Brussels	4,000.00 €
Crazy Copy Center	500.00 €
Pepingen	140.00 €
Victor Buyck	500.00 €
Willemem Real Estate	2,000.00 €
<b>Contribution of partners</b>	<b>14,525.57 €</b>
Private donations	12,119.41 €
Eye for Salone	1,500.00 €
VUB-resto week	550.00 €
Music for Life	356.16 €

**Total**

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32,253.40 €

## EXPENSES

<b>Promotion</b>	<b>2,586.33 €</b>
Activities for students and sympathizers	885.93 €
PR-stuff (brochures, letters, T-shirts, etc.)	957.03 €
Website & bank costs	243.37 €
KBS projectrekening (initial cost)	500.00 €
<b>Malawi 2017</b>	<b>13,074.23 €</b>
Visa	600.00 €
Construction, food, transportation	11,637.68 €
Supplementary cost for reparation	691.00 €
Others	145.55 €
<b>Sierra Leone 2017</b>	<b>16,705.11 €</b>
Prospection trip	1,990.99 €
Visa	2,284.00 €
Construction, food, transportation	12,000.69 €
Others	429.43 €

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32,365.67 €



# THANK YOU!

We are extremely grateful to all our donators and the sympathizers that, in one way or the other, participated in our activities. Without your support, we could never have completed this year's projects.

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# THANK YOU!

Thanks to our partners



A big thanks to our sponsors



# SUPPORT EDUKADO

Edukado sees to a correct use of the funds and guarantees that 100% of the donations make their way to the South directly (e.g. raw materials, labor). All other costs (e.g. accommodation) are fully covered by fundraising activities. Donors and sponsors will be kept up to date through newsletters and annual reports.

Donations can be wired to the bank account of the Koning Boudewijnstichting (tax deductible as of 40 euro). Please use the following details:

IBAN: BE10 0000 0000 0404  
BIC Code (SWIFT): BPOTBEB1  
Structured reference: 128/2993/00093

You can also wire directly to Edukado's bank account (donations lower than 40 euro). Please use the following details:

IBAN: BE28 0015 1911 9020  
BIC Code (SWIFT): GEBABEBB



